

The Heterodyne

Newsletter of the West Valley Amateur Radio Association

May Meeting

Field Day Plans!
by Jim Peterson, K6EI

Wednesday, May 8
Meeting Starts at 7pm

Meeting Location:
American Red Cross,
Silicon Valley Chapter
2731 N. First Street at Plumeria Dr
(southwest corner) in San Jose

WVARA Repeaters (W6PIY)		
Band	Frequency	PL
6 Meters	52.580- MHz	151.4 Hz
2 Meters	147.39+ MHz	151.4 Hz
1.25 Meters	223.96- MHz	156.7 Hz
0.70 Meter	441.35+ MHz	88.5 Hz
0.23 Meter	1286.2- MHz	100 Hz

Club Net

WVARA's club net is on the W6PIY repeaters each Tuesday at 8:30 pm. All repeaters are linked together during the net. The net script can be found at www.wvara.org/net.html.

Visitors Are Welcome!

President's Letter

On the weekend of April 27, I spent my time with an extraordinary group of people. With no expectation for compensation, and purely through a will to help (and play on the radio), roughly thirty hams came out to Backcountry Weekend and volunteered their time. In some cases, the tasks were boring (standing around waiting for questions). In others, they were difficult (hiking 5-15 miles each way out to keep an eye on the trails and be the eyes and ears in the field). In yet more, they were simply unspecified (who knows *every* task that needs doing?). Every single person was prompt, attentive, helpful, and most certainly dedicated.

This got me thinking about why I am in ham radio. Sure, we all like the cool radios – and probably have too many of them. However, it also became clear to me that hams are some of the most giving – of their expertise, energy, and time. So many 5k/10k runs, bike rides, triathlons, parades, and other outdoor events wouldn't be viable if professional communications services needed to be used.

So many such events occur every year, and so many of them are shorthanded. Most don't do



a great job calling out for volunteers, so you'll probably have to dig to find out who to talk to or how to sign up. When you find the right person, chances are they'll be very grateful you did. Share that information with any amateur radio group you're involved in. Be the voice they need to spread the word. Most importantly: Take the time, even if only once in a year, to find that person and be a radio volunteer for an event. You'll meet new people, do things you might not ordinarily do, and you'll very likely enjoy yourself.

Thanks,
Bobby K0XI

April Meeting Topic

Jim Peterson, K6EI

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It's time for the May WVARA meeting -- May 8th at 19:00 in Meeting Room 5 at the Silicon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2731 N. First Street at Plumeria Drive (southwest corner) in San Jose. This month the topic will be our plans for ARRL Field Day.

For some radio clubs, ARRL Field Day could almost be called a casual event. Perhaps they find a park somewhere, bring some batteries or a generator, stand up some temporary antennas, make a few contacts on the radio.... That's fine, and we look forward to working them, but this is the West Valley Amateur Radio Association. For our club, Field Day is the most fun that we can legally have on the radio in one weekend — crazy-big antennas, cool technology, and a bunch of fun folks to hang out with.

So come to this Wednesday's meeting. And mark your calendars -- Field Day this year is June 22nd and 23rd (and setup on Friday, June 21st if you're interested.) If you'd like to join in the fun, please complete the on-line participation survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7HWZMDB>

By the way, a few of us meet for dinner near the Red Cross around 5:45pm prior to the meeting. This month, we'll be at Disn-N-Dash (2551 N. 1st St. San Jose): <https://dishdash.com/>

Hope to see you there!

Jim / K6EI

Electronics Flea Market - May 11
<https://www.electronicfleamarket.com/schedule>

WVARA Net Check-Ins (W6PIY) Tuesdays at 8:30 PM					
Call Sign	Name	04/09/19	04/16/19	04/23/19	04/30/19
Total		11	8	9	11
AA6RB	Roy	X			
AB6XS	Kevin				X
AF6AE	Bill	X			
AG6YO	Kevin	X	X		X
K0XI	Bobby				X
KB6LMI	Louis		X		
KC7XE	Stan	X			
KF6EMB	Svend	X	X	X	X
KK6VF	Kevin	NET	NET	NET	
N6BTU	Wayne		X	X	X
N6FYR	Matt	X			X
W6BG	Max	X			
W6ESL	Tom	X		X	
W6IA	Mark		X	X	X
W6OUT	Mathew	X			
W9KKN	Bill			X	X
WB6KHP	Dave	X	X	X	NET
WK6WAR	Bill			X	
WR3K	Greg			X	X
WR6Z	Dave		X		X

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